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Trevor Morgan completing his hat-trick of headers and Rovers' 5-2 triumph over Rotherham United.

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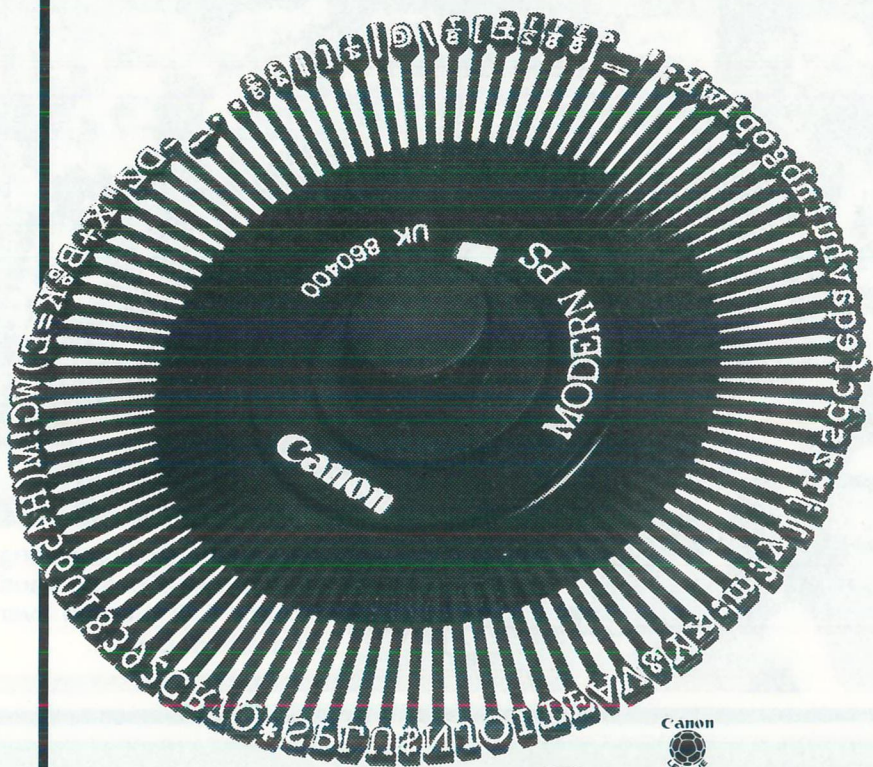


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Bobby Gould's **team talk**



Supporters' Crucial Role

After our last home game against Rotherham I was asked why I got off the bench and turned to applaud the crowd in the North Enclosure after Timmy Parkin's fine headed goal had put Rovers 4-2 up.

The answer was very simple: To acknowledge the fantastic vocal support given to the team while we were wobbling at 3-2.

The lads certainly provided some sparkling football to go 3-0 up, but when Rotherham pulled two back and the players could have frozen, our supporters realised what was happening and led the lads to a splendid 5-2 victory by encouraging them at the right time.

In my programme column for that match I had urged that the team be given maximum encouragement – and I could not have asked for a better response.

Players thrive on encouragement from the terraces and stand, and I look on that first home League win of the season as not only an achievement by the team, but also an achievement by you, our supporters.

Ask For Something More

Now I am going to ask you, our hard-core 3,500 regulars, for something more – bring a mate along to the games with you.

We need to increase our gates, not only to improve our finances, but also because of the extra vocal support a bigger crowd naturally generates.

And, instead of your mate giving you some good-natured 'stick' either at work or at the pub, he could be alongside you at Eastville, sharing at close quarters the highs and lows of following the team of your heart.

Please go out and recruit some extra spectators. Each and every additional person through the turnstiles is an extra voice to spur the team to success.

A football club does not belong to its directors, staff or players – it belongs in the hearts and minds of its supporters. If we all work together, there is no limit to what might be achieved.

You all proved against Rotherham just how vital your encouragement can be in lifting the players to the heights at the crucial period.

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TIM TAKES HIS CHANCE

I don't think the manager will contemplate signing another goalkeeper on loan if Ron Green gets injured again.

The charity game against Nottingham Forest last week presented an ideal chance to blood Timmy Carter in the first team. And the way he performed against star-studded opposition was evidence that, although he has only just celebrated his 18th birthday, he is ready to take over from Ron in our League side should the need arise.

Timmy wasn't the only member of Harold Jarman's in-form reserve team to step up and impress. 'Percy' Purnell and Gary Smart also did well.

Matches have been my only involvement with the club for the last ten days because I was ordered home by the Doc to give my thigh muscle injury total rest.

After one false start, I'm determined to get the problem over before attempting another comeback.

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It was good to be among the Eastville crowd enjoying the goal-spree which brought our long-awaited first home League win of the season the previous Saturday.

Frankly I thought the final result a little unkind to Rotherham. From 3-0 down, they did well to pull back to 3-2 and then Ron Green pulled off

**TIM CARTER –
impressed against
Forest.**



an excellent save to prevent Tommy Tynan, my old Newport County teammate, from equalising.

It was a crucial stop because, not long after, Timmy Parkin scored again for us and Rotherham's fight-back was as good as over.

Trevor Morgan's hat-trick was one of the best I've ever seen. And if ever there was an example of a perfect header, it must be his second goal.

Byron Stevenson's free-kick was not that fiercely driven yet the ball just flew in off Trevor's head, leaving the goalkeeper with no chance whatsoever.

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Finally, I'd like to add the congratulations of all the players to Timmy and Jane Parkin on the birth of a baby daughter, who has been called Anna. At 7lbs 7ozs she was quite a bouncer. Everyone is thrilled for Timmy and Jane.

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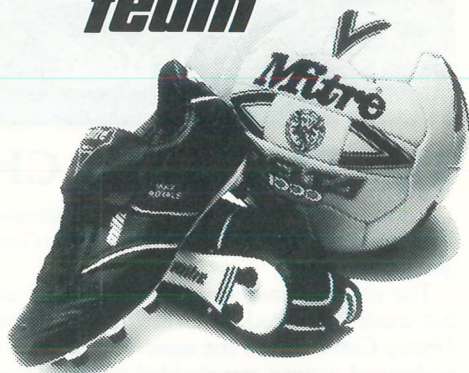
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A Round-Up of Rovers News



£5,000 FOR RED CROSS

Avon and Bristol Red Cross Trust benefited by £5,000 from last week's charity game at Eastville between Rovers and Nottm. Forest.

A crowd of 1,981, including a large percentage of schoolchildren, produced net receipts of £2,000 – the rest coming from sponsorship.

"It was an extremely enjoyable and successful event and we are grateful to everyone who attended", said Rovers' joint chairman Martin Flook, who headed the match organising committee.

Injured List Just Grows

Rovers' list of unfit players seems to grow continuously – with experienced defender Phil Bater (above) the latest senior victim. He went down with a glandular virus after the win over Rotherham.

Midfielder Gary Penrice has been out for three weeks now with a septic hip and skipper Vaughan Jones aggravated a thigh strain in his comeback game at Birmingham so will continue on the sidelines for some while.

Promising full back John Scales hoped to have recovered from a groin strain to play at Doncaster on Saturday but broke down in training the previous day. Lee Portch, out with knee trouble since February, had only his first Reserve team outing on Saturday. And broken ankle victim Wayne Noble has not even started light training yet.

With Gerry Francis, Byron Stevenson, Ron Green and Nick Tanner all earlier victims of Rovers' illness and injury jinx, it's no wonder Mark O'Connor and Timmy Parkin are the only ever-presenters so far this season.

"Every cloud has a silver lining", comments manager Bobby Gould. "In this case, it's given a lot of our younger players the chance to get some first team experience under their belts which in more normal circumstances they would not have gained."

"In this respect I'm particularly pleased with the way John Scales and Mike England have come into the team and done worthwhile jobs – and it was pleasing to give young Gary Smart a trip to Doncaster as substitute."

photo quiz



Who's got a broken nose?

Who is the former Rovers player, now with Southern League Trowbridge Town, pictured above after breaking his nose? Send your answers to Photoquiz, Bristol Rovers F.C., Filton Road, Bristol BS16 1JG, to arrive by Tuesday 26th October. The sender of the first correct answer opened will win two free stand seats for the home Canon League match against CARDIFF CITY on Saturday 28th November (k.o. 3.00 p.m.).

* Winner of the Photoquiz in the programme for the match v Birmingham, correctly naming the two players photographed as Vaughan Jones (Rovers) and Ralph Coates (Orient), was: Mr T. L. Ford of The Nursery, Bedminster. He received two free tickets for tonight's game.



Another Offer To Cyclists

Over 80 people took advantage of the Police offer to 'post code' their cycles at Eastville before the Rotherham match as part of the scheme to make it easier to trace stolen pedal bikes.

Another session is to be arranged – this time at our Hambrook Training Ground, next Monday, from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. As an incentive, Rovers will give free admission tickets for the following Saturday's game against York City to all youngsters under the age of 16 who have their cycles coded that morning – and there will also be the chance to gain the players' autographs after training.

So take advantage of this offer – last year 2,958 cycles were stolen in Avon and Somerset, and only 388 were traced back to their owners. Post coding bikes makes the Police's job easy.

Full details of all away teams are always in **THE PIRATE**

welcome to eastville

WANDERERS TEAM PHOTO

Back row: Mark Came, Dave Sutton, Simon Farnworth, Paul Fitzpatrick, Sam Allardyce. Middle row: Walter Joyce, Steve Thompson, Tony Caldwell, Jimmy Phillips, David Cross, Roger Walker, Warren Joyce, Peter Nightingale. Front row: Asa Hartford, Derek Scott, Graham Bell, George Oghani, Dean Roberts, Simon Rudge, Charlie Wright.



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TWO STARS TO BOOST WANDERERS

The decline of the traditional Lancashire town soccer clubs is typified by tonight's visitors, Bolton Wanderers.

Their final position of seventeenth in Division Three last season was their worst in 97 years of League membership – but at least they did not drop into the Fourth, like Burnley and Preston North End, neighbours with similar proud First Division histories.

Mixed results so far in the new campaign suggest manager **Charlie Wright** is still searching for the magic formula that will bring back some glory to the success-starved Burnden Park fans, currently experiencing only their second spell of Third Division soccer.

Just before the season started Mr Wright made two star signings – much travelled striker **David Cross** from West Brom and ex-Scotland midfielder **Asa Hartford** from Norwich City.

Consistent scorer Cross has travelled the

country serving up a feast of goals with Rochdale, Norwich, Coventry, West Ham, Manchester City and Oldham during a League career approaching 600 games. While Hartford, with a half-century of caps behind him, totted up a similar tally with West Brom, Manchester City, Nottm. Forest and Everton.

There are two other new faces in Bolton's largely home-spun line-up compared to the one that visited Eastville in January – defenders **Sam Allardyce** and **Paul Fitzpatrick**.

Veteran Allardyce is in his second spell with Wanderers, having played for Sunderland, Millwall and Coventry in the interim five years. While youngster Fitzpatrick was spotted in trials with Liverpool and given his senior chance by Bolton in the closing stages of last season.

Goalkeeper **Simon Farnworth**, voted Player of the Season by Wanderers' fans last term in only his second year of League football, has

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developed into one of Lancashire's most promising talents under the watchful eye of **Charlie Wright**, who has coached him since his school days.

Two other promising youngsters line up in front of Simon – **Jimmy Phillips** a home-town boy who made his debut against Rovers on the opening day of last season and is now a regular choice, and **Mark Came**, who made a forceful impact last season after signing from non-League Winsford United.

There are another couple of promising youngsters in midfield – **Warren Joyce**, who has been a regular since making his debut at the age of 19 two years ago, and **Steve Thompson**, who has also been an established first-teamer for two seasons and who is noted for his powerful shooting.

Completing the midfield is experienced **Graham Bell**. Formerly with Oldham and Preston, he joined Wanderers from Carlisle nearly two years ago.

And linking up with David Cross in attack is **George Oghani** whose 21 goals last season proved the scoring instinct that made him a prolific striker in non-League football would not let him down in Division Three.



GEORGE OGHANI
– in action in last season's corresponding fixture.



CONNECTIONS

The only direct transfer between Rovers and Bolton concerns centre half Jack Forbes, who came to Eastville in 1926, was appointed club captain by manager Joe Palmer and made 60 appearances and scored 5 goals in two seasons at Rovers.

That same year – 1926 – Rovers released an untried local forward called Jack Milsom. He joined Kettering. Three years later he was spotted by Bolton and spent nine seasons amassing 142 goals in 226 appearances, the majority of which were in Division One.

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v Bolton	8,000	5th Oct.	Reading	7	Trevor Senior 11
v Rotherham	4,861	17th Sept.	Walsall	0	Cross, Elliot, O'Kelly 3 each
v Chesterfield	4,422	19th Oct.	Notts. County	1	McParland, Young 3 each
v Notts. County	4,260	5th Oct.	Derby County	4	Bobby Davidson 8
v York City	11,881	28th Sept.	Gillingham	2	Tony Cascarino 10
v Blackpool	3,509	12th Oct.	Wigan Athletic	3	Steve Newell 9
v Wolverhampton	5,993	17th Aug.	Brentford	2	Rowan Alexander 6
v Bury	5,576	19th Oct.	Blackpool	3	Eamon O'Keefe 14
v Darlington	5,496	5th Oct.	York City	2	Keith Walwyn 12
v Rotherham	5,039	27th Aug.	Chesterfield	0	Ernie Moss 9
v Reading	5,434	28th Sept.	Doncaster Rovers	1	Colin Douglas 6
v Bristol Rov.	4,012	5th Oct.	Plymouth Argyle	3	Gary Nelson 5
v Reading	5,662	19th Oct.	Lincoln City	1	John McGinley 5
v Wigan	4,007	5th Oct.	Bury	3	Craig Madden 11
v Derby C.	4,610	31st Aug.	Bristol Rovers	3	Trevor Morgan 8
v Bristol City	4,969	24th Aug.	Bournemouth	2	Colin Clarke 10
v Derby C.	7,750	17th Sept.	Bristol City	0	Howard Pritchard 4
v Doncaster R.	5,189	21st Sept.	Rotherham United	2	Tommy Tynan 4
v Reading	6,449	12th Oct.	Newport County	0	Roy Carter 3
v Bury	3,752	26th Aug.	Bolton Wanderers	1	David Cross 7
v Newport County	8,772	17th Sept.	Swansea City	1	Emmanuel, Turner 3 each
v Bristol City	5,534	14th Sept.	Cardiff City	2	Nigel Vaughan 3
v Walsall	4,412	19th Oct.	Wolverhampton Wand.	1	Edwards, King 7 each
v Bristol Rovers	7,522	18th Aug.	Darlington	0	Airey, McLean, Poskett 3 each

BEST ATTENDANCES
14,406 Derby County v Notts County Oct. 5
13,259 Derby County v Chesterfield Sept. 21
13,124 Derby County v Wolves Aug. 26
11,324 Derby County v Bournemouth Aug. 17

LOWEST ATTENDANCES
1,856 Lincoln City v Brentford Sept. 21
1,962 Lincoln City v Bournemouth Oct. 2
1,989 Lincoln City v Newport County Oct. 5
2,011 Cardiff City v Bury Sept. 17

BEST VICTORIES
York City 7 Darlington 0 Oct. 5
Blackpool 5 Bury 0 Oct. 19
Bournemouth 5 Bristol City 0 Aug. 24
Derby County 5 Swansea C. 1 Oct. 2
Wigan Athletic 5 Darlington 1 Sept. 14
Wolves 1 Swansea City 5 Sept. 14
Bristol Rovers 5 Rotherham 2 Oct. 12
Darlington 3 Brentford 5 Oct. 1

HAT-TRICK HEROES
Trevor Senior (Reading v Cardiff) Sept. 7
Tony Canham (Reading v Chesterfield) Oct. 2
Colin Clark (York v Darlington) Oct. 5
Craig Madden (Bournemouth v Bristol C.) Aug. 24
Trevor Morgan (Bury v Lincoln) Aug. 31
Steve Newell (Bristol Rov. v Rotherham) Oct. 12
Eamon O'Keefe (Wigan v Darlington) Sept. 14
(Blackpool v Doncaster) Oct. 1

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in opposition

A series in which Rovers players give their personal opinion of a star name in the visitors' line-up

TODAY: GERRY FRANCIS talks to Ralph Ellis about ASA HARTFORD.

Enjoyment the spur

"Delighted to talk about Asa Hartford – he's older than me, isn't he?" laughs Gerry Francis.

Rovers' former England captain comes into battle in midfield today with an old adversary. "We've played against each other loads of times – in England and Scotland games as well as for our differing clubs.

"He's always been a fierce competitor and a difficult opponent. I've great respect for him."

It hardly needs Francis to run through the outstanding attributes of Hartford, who won 50 Scottish caps in a glittering career.

He's 35 next week, and still full of the same enthusiasm and fiery spirit which has kept him going through more than 500 League games at West Bromwich Albion, Manchester City, Everton and Norwich.

And he's a winner. Only last season he was picking up a Milk Cup winner's medal with Norwich at Wembley.

Perfect End

Says Francis: "He had a tremendous game then and proved what a good influence he could be. I suppose it was the perfect way to end a very good time for him."

So what keeps the likes of Hartford and Francis playing on through the years while others fall by the wayside?

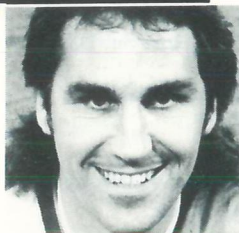
"You have to be lucky with injuries, and although Asa had his hole in the heart problem he didn't have any other serious injuries with knees or legs. To stay at the top for a long time that's vital.

"As for why he's still playing – well, I imagine he'd think much the same as myself. All the time you are still enjoying it, why should you pack in?

"There are many people I have spoken to in the game who decided to retire at the top. I can always remember when I was young I wanted to do the same.

"But people I have chatted to mostly regret it. And having also spoken to lots of managers – and had a taste of management myself – I feel that whatever success you get in that capacity and however much you enjoy it there is still no substitute for actually playing the game.

"While you are still enjoying it and can do a job for someone then there's no reason to stop."



GERRY FRANCIS (left) has had many battles in the top flight against ASA HARTFORD (below).



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 (kick-off 3.00 p.m.)

Tuesday 5th November v **Bury**
 (kick-off 7.45 p.m.)

Saturday 9th November v **Tottenham Reserves**
 (kick-off 2.00 p.m.)



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- 2 Nick Tanner
- 3 Ian Davies
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- 7 Steve Thompson
- 8 George Oghani
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- 11 Graham Bell
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During an interview on Radio Bristol on the Friday afternoon before the Rotherham match he mentioned the welcome and also stated that he wondered if he might be able to call on 'Greater Powers' to give us a helping hand. He promised to get the forces of prayer groups into action. You all know the result of the match the following day – can you honestly say it was just a coincidence?

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Sun. Aug.	18 Darlington	A	3-3	4,196	Green	Spring	Davies	Stevenson	Parkin	Jones	Badcock 1	O'Connor	Randall	Practice	Tanner	White*
Sat. Aug.	20 Brentford	H	2-0	2,777	Green	Spring	Davies	Stevenson	Parkin	Jones	Badcock 1	O'Connor	Randall 1	Practice	Tanner	White*
Mon. Aug.	24 Reading	H	0-1	4,140	Green	Spring	Davies	Stevenson	Parkin	Jones	Badcock	O'Connor	Randall	Practice	Tanner	White*
Sat. Aug.	31 Derby County	A	2-3	3,529	Green	Spring	Davies	Stevenson	Parkin	Jones	Badcock	O'Connor	Randall	Practice 1	Tanner	Tanner
Tue. Sept.	3 Newport County (M.C. 1-2)	A	0-0	4,961	Green	Spring	Davies	Cockham	Parkin	Jones	Badcock	O'Connor	White	Practice	Bater	Tanner
Mon. Sept.	9 Bristol City (Chas. Cup)	A	0-1	2,012	Green	Spring	Tanner	Obi	Parkin	Jones	Badcock	O'Connor	White	Practice	Bater	Scalor*
Sat. Sept.	14 Lincoln City	H	0-1	4,894	Vaughan	Spring	Scalor	Francis	Parkin	Jones	Badcock	O'Connor	Randall	Practice	Bater	Scalor*
Tue. Sept.	17 Wolverhampton Wanderers	H	0-0	3,077	Vaughan	Spring	Scalor	Francis	Parkin	Jones	Badcock	O'Connor	Randall	Practice	Tanner	Scalor*
Sat. Sept.	21 Walsall	H	4-3	3,244	Vaughan	Spring	Scalor	Francis	Parkin	Jones	Badcock 2	O'Connor	Randall	Practice	Tanner	Scalor*
Sat. Sept.	24 Birmingham City (M.C. 2-1)	H	2-3	3,785	Green	Spring	Scalor	Francis	Parkin	Jones	Badcock	O'Connor	Randall	Practice	Tanner	Scalor*
Tue. Oct.	1 Notts. County	A	1-0	4,008	Vaughan	Spring	Scalor	Tanner	Parkin	Jones	Badcock	O'Connor	Randall	Practice	O'Connor	Scalor*
Sat. Oct.	5 Plymouth Argyle	H	1-1	3,549	Vaughan	Spring	Scalor	Francis	Parkin	Jones	Badcock	O'Connor	Randall	Practice	O'Connor	Scalor*
Tue. Oct.	8 Birmingham City (M.C. 2-2)	A	2-4	5,622	Green	Spring	Scalor	Francis	Parkin	Jones	Badcock	O'Connor	Randall	Practice	O'Connor	Scalor*
Sat. Oct.	12 Rotherham United	H	1-2†	4,332	Green	Spring	Davies	Stevenson	Parkin	Jones	Badcock	O'Connor	Randall	Practice	O'Connor	Scalor*
Tue. Oct.	19 Doncaster Rovers	A	5-2	3,499	Green	Spring	Davies	Stevenson	Parkin	Jones	Badcock	O'Connor	Randall	Practice	O'Connor	Scalor*
Sat. Oct.	22 Bolton Wanderers	H	2-0	3,022	Green	Spring	Davies	Stevenson	Parkin	Jones	Badcock	O'Connor	Randall	Practice	O'Connor	Scalor*
Midweek	26 A.F.C. Bourne	A	2-0	3,022	Green	Spring	Davies	Stevenson	Parkin	Jones	Badcock	O'Connor	Randall	Practice	O'Connor	Scalor*
Sat. Nov.	2 York City	H	2-0	3,022	Green	Spring	Davies	Stevenson	Parkin	Jones	Badcock	O'Connor	Randall	Practice	O'Connor	Scalor*
Tue. Nov.	5 Bury	H	2-0	3,022	Green	Spring	Davies	Stevenson	Parkin	Jones	Badcock	O'Connor	Randall	Practice	O'Connor	Scalor*
Sat. Nov.	9 Blackpool	A	2-0	3,022	Green	Spring	Davies	Stevenson	Parkin	Jones	Badcock	O'Connor	Randall	Practice	O'Connor	Scalor*
Sat. Nov.	16 F.A. Cup 1	A	2-0	3,022	Green	Spring	Davies	Stevenson	Parkin	Jones	Badcock	O'Connor	Randall	Practice	O'Connor	Scalor*
Midweek	23 Cardiff City	H	2-0	3,022	Green	Spring	Davies	Stevenson	Parkin	Jones	Badcock	O'Connor	Randall	Practice	O'Connor	Scalor*
Sat. Nov.	30 Chesterfield	A	2-0	3,022	Green	Spring	Davies	Stevenson	Parkin	Jones	Badcock	O'Connor	Randall	Practice	O'Connor	Scalor*
Sat. Dec.	7 F.A. Cup 2	A	2-0	3,022	Green	Spring	Davies	Stevenson	Parkin	Jones	Badcock	O'Connor	Randall	Practice	O'Connor	Scalor*
Sat. Dec.	14 Gillingham	H	2-0	3,022	Green	Spring	Davies	Stevenson	Parkin	Jones	Badcock	O'Connor	Randall	Practice	O'Connor	Scalor*
Thur. Dec.	22 Brentford	H	2-0	3,022	Green	Spring	Davies	Stevenson	Parkin	Jones	Badcock	O'Connor	Randall	Practice	O'Connor	Scalor*
Sat. Dec.	26 Wigan Athletic	H	2-0	3,022	Green	Spring	Davies	Stevenson	Parkin	Jones	Badcock	O'Connor	Randall	Practice	O'Connor	Scalor*
Mon. Dec.	30 Bristol City	H	2-0	3,022	Green	Spring	Davies	Stevenson	Parkin	Jones	Badcock	O'Connor	Randall	Practice	O'Connor	Scalor*
Sat. Jan.	4 York City (F.A. Cup 3)	A	2-0	3,022	Green	Spring	Davies	Stevenson	Parkin	Jones	Badcock	O'Connor	Randall	Practice	O'Connor	Scalor*
Sat. Jan.	11 Derby County	A	2-0	3,022	Green	Spring	Davies	Stevenson	Parkin	Jones	Badcock	O'Connor	Randall	Practice	O'Connor	Scalor*
Midweek	18 Darlington	H	2-0	3,022	Green	Spring	Davies	Stevenson	Parkin	Jones	Badcock	O'Connor	Randall	Practice	O'Connor	Scalor*
Sat. Jan.	25 Lincoln City (F.A. Cup 4)	A	2-0	3,022	Green	Spring	Davies	Stevenson	Parkin	Jones	Badcock	O'Connor	Randall	Practice	O'Connor	Scalor*
Sat. Feb.	1 Newport County	H	2-0	3,022	Green	Spring	Davies	Stevenson	Parkin	Jones	Badcock	O'Connor	Randall	Practice	O'Connor	Scalor*
Tue. Feb.	4 Bolton Wanderers	A	2-0	3,022	Green	Spring	Davies	Stevenson	Parkin	Jones	Badcock	O'Connor	Randall	Practice	O'Connor	Scalor*
Sat. Feb.	8 Doncaster Rovers	H	2-0	3,022	Green	Spring	Davies	Stevenson	Parkin	Jones	Badcock	O'Connor	Randall	Practice	O'Connor	Scalor*
Sat. Feb.	15 Wolverhampton Wanderers	H	2-0	3,022	Green	Spring	Davies	Stevenson	Parkin	Jones	Badcock	O'Connor	Randall	Practice	O'Connor	Scalor*
Sat. Feb.	22 Walsall	A	2-0	3,022	Green	Spring	Davies	Stevenson	Parkin	Jones	Badcock	O'Connor	Randall	Practice	O'Connor	Scalor*
Sat. Mar.	1 Swansea City	H	2-0	3,022	Green	Spring	Davies	Stevenson	Parkin	Jones	Badcock	O'Connor	Randall	Practice	O'Connor	Scalor*
Tue. Mar.	4 Notts. County	A	2-0	3,022	Green	Spring	Davies	Stevenson	Parkin	Jones	Badcock	O'Connor	Randall	Practice	O'Connor	Scalor*
Sat. Mar.	8 Plymouth Argyle (F.A. Cup 6)	H	2-0	3,022	Green	Spring	Davies	Stevenson	Parkin	Jones	Badcock	O'Connor	Randall	Practice	O'Connor	Scalor*
Sat. Mar.	15 Rotherham United	A	2-0	3,022	Green	Spring	Davies	Stevenson	Parkin	Jones	Badcock	O'Connor	Randall	Practice	O'Connor	Scalor*
Sat. Mar.	22 A.F.C. Bourne	H	2-0	3,022	Green	Spring	Davies	Stevenson	Parkin	Jones	Badcock	O'Connor	Randall	Practice	O'Connor	Scalor*
Sat. Mar.	29 Bristol City	A	2-0	3,022	Green	Spring	Davies	Stevenson	Parkin	Jones	Badcock	O'Connor	Randall	Practice	O'Connor	Scalor*
Tue. Apr.	1 Wigan Athletic	H	2-0	3,022	Green	Spring	Davies	Stevenson	Parkin	Jones	Badcock	O'Connor	Randall	Practice	O'Connor	Scalor*
Sat. Apr.	5 Bury	A	2-0	3,022	Green	Spring	Davies	Stevenson	Parkin	Jones	Badcock	O'Connor	Randall	Practice	O'Connor	Scalor*
Sat. Apr.	12 Blackpool	H	2-0	3,022	Green	Spring	Davies	Stevenson	Parkin	Jones	Badcock	O'Connor	Randall	Practice	O'Connor	Scalor*
Sat. Apr.	19 Cardiff City	A	2-0	3,022	Green	Spring	Davies	Stevenson	Parkin	Jones	Badcock	O'Connor	Randall	Practice	O'Connor	Scalor*
Sat. Apr.	26 Chesterfield	H	2-0	3,022	Green	Spring	Davies	Stevenson	Parkin	Jones	Badcock	O'Connor	Randall	Practice	O'Connor	Scalor*
Sat. May	3 Gillingham	A	2-0	3,022	Green	Spring	Davies	Stevenson	Parkin	Jones	Badcock	O'Connor	Randall	Practice	O'Connor	Scalor*

The Pirates Go for GOLA



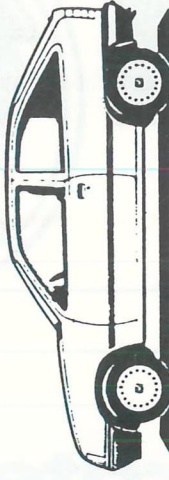
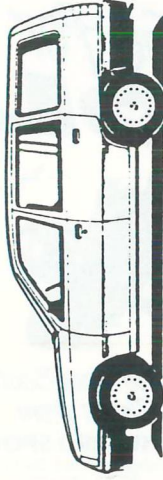
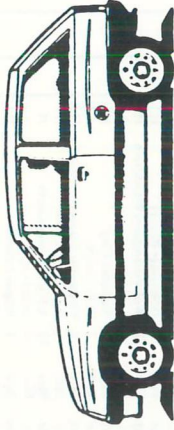
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	1985/86	Career-to-date		
	A	G	A	G
O'Connor	18	1	73 + 1s	10
Parkin	18	1	205 + 1s	11
Randall	15	4	260 + 19s	109
Penrice	14	2	19 + 3s	3
Bater	13	-	325 + 10s	3
Jones	13	-	135 + 11s	3
Baddock	11 + 3s	4	11 + 3s	4
Green	11	-	31	-
Spring	11	-	11	-
Stevenson	11	1	11	1
White	10 + 2s	3	125 + 17s	43
Davies	10 + 1s	1	10 + 1s	1
Tanner	10 + 1s	-	10 + 2s	1
Francis	8	-	8	-
Vaughan	7	-	7	-
England	5 + 1s	-	6 + 1s	-
Morgan	5 + 1s	8	5 + 1s	8
Scales	5 + 1s	-	5 + 1s	-
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Smart	- + 1s	-	- + 1s	-
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in reserve

UNBEATEN RUN ENDS

Our Reserves' unbeaten run came to an end at Hambrook last Wednesday when they went down 2-1 to Fulham in the Football Combination (our scorer: Martin Boyle).

Six days earlier they had made a good start to their qualifying group matches in the Macbar S.W. Counties League Cup with a 2-0 win over Bournemouth at Hambrook, when Lee Howells and manager Bobby Gould were on target.

The Juniors did well ten days ago to recover from a 3-0 half-time deficit at Crystal Palace and gain a 3-3 draw in the South East Counties League, thanks to goals from David Mehew, Ian Weston and Jason Eaton.

While the following day our Youth team managed a 1-0 win at Cinderford (scorer: Richard Dryden) to maintain their 100 per cent record in the Gloucestershire Youth League.



JUNIORS AT HOME

With the first team at Bournemouth and the Reserves at West Ham on Saturday, the only Rovers' side in action in Bristol will be the Juniors, who have a South East Counties League game against Brighton at Hambrook (k.o. 11.00 a.m.).

Next Tuesday the Reserves face another tough trip - this time to Norwich. And two days later they meet Hereford United at Hambrook in the Macbar League (k.o. 2.00 p.m.).

RESULTS & FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

August

Sat. 24	Birmingham.....	A	0-8
Wed. 28	Q.P.R.....	A	2-5

September

Wed. 4	Swansea City.....	H	4-0
Sat. 7	Brighton.....	H	5-0
Tue. 10	Swindon Town.....	A	2-1
Tue. 17	Ipswich Town.....	H	2-2
Tue. 24	Portsmouth.....	A	2-0
Sat. 28	Swindon Town.....	H	Post.

October

Sat. 12	Arsenal.....	A	Post.
Wed. 16	Fulham.....	H	1-2
Sat. 19	Charlton.....	H	
Sat. 26	West Ham.....	A	
Tue. 29	Norwich City.....	A	

November

Wed. 6	Crystal Palace.....	H	
Sat. 9	Tottenham H.....	H	
Sat. 16	Chelsea.....	A	
Tue. 19	Millwall.....	H	
Tue. 26	Fulham.....	A	
Sat. 30	Watford.....	A	

MACBAR S.W. LEAGUE

August

Wed. 21	Bristol City.....	H	1-0
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September

Thur. 19	Cardiff City.....	A	4-1
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October

Wed. 9	B'mouth (Cup).....	H	2-0
Wed. 23	Bournemouth.....	A	
Thur. 31	Hereford Utd.....	H	

November

Mon. 4	B. City (Cup).....	A	
Tue. 12	Exeter City.....	H	

S.E. COUNTIES LEAGUE

August

Sat. 17	Wimbledon.....	H	1-1
Sat. 31	Swindon Town.....	H	1-1

September

Sat. 7	Southend Utd.....	A	0-1
Sat. 14	Reading.....	H	0-0
Sat. 21	Oxford Utd.....	A	2-0
Sat. 28	Reading (Cup).....	A	4-0

October

Sat. 5	Luton Town.....	A	3-5
Sat. 12	Crystal Palace.....	A	3-3
Sat. 19	Southampton.....	H	
Sat. 26	Brighton.....	H	

November

Sat. 2	Brentford.....	A	
Sat.* 9	Colchester U.....	H	
Sat. 16	Brighton (Cup).....	A	
Sat. 23	Bournemouth.....	A	
Sat. 30	Wimbledon.....	A	

GLOS. YOUTH LEAGUE

September

Sun. 1	Barr United.....	A	8-1
Sun. 8	Wotton Rovers.....	H	8-0
Sun. 15	Warmley R.....	H	3-2
Sun. 22	ICI Fibres.....	H	3-1

October

Sun. 6	Cirencester.....	H	4-0
Sun. 13	Cinderford.....	A	1-0
Mon. 21	Cheltenham.....	A	

November

Sun. 3	Cam Bulldogs.....	H	
Sun. 17	Yate Town.....	A	
Sun. 24	Barr Utd.....	H	

S. JUNIOR FLOODLIT CUP

September

Wed. 25	Tottenham H.....	A	1-6
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COMBINATION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Chelsea.....	10	8	2	0	36	3	18
Watford.....	10	8	2	0	29	3	18
Arsenal.....	9	8	1	0	44	5	17
West Ham.....	10	7	2	1	31	11	16
Ipswich Town.....	9	7	1	1	12	10	15
Norwich City.....	11	5	3	3	19	14	13
Luton Town.....	9	5	2	2	11	12	12
Q.P.R.....	11	4	3	4	22	18	11
Tottenham H.....	9	5	0	4	22	11	10
Millwall.....	11	4	2	5	10	20	10
Oxford Utd.....	8	3	3	2	17	13	9
BRISTOL ROVERS	8	4	1	3	18	9	
Birmingham.....	10	4	1	5	17	26	9
Crystal Palace.....	11	3	3	5	15	24	9
Fulham.....	10	4	1	5	16	30	9
Reading.....	9	3	0	6	10	22	6
Southampton.....	10	2	1	7	16	28	5
Charlton Athletic.....	9	2	1	6	16	29	5
Portsmouth.....	8	1	1	6	6	13	3
Brighton.....	9	1	1	7	6	24	3
Swansea City.....	11	1	0	10	4	41	2
Swindon Town.....	8	0	1	7	10	21	1

S.E. Counties League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Southampton.....	8	7	0	1	30	17	14
Swindon Town.....	8	5	3	0	22	10	13
Luton Town.....	8	4	3	1	30	17	11
Bournemouth.....	8	3	2	3	15	16	8
Southend Utd.....	8	3	2	3	8	11	8
Wimbledon.....	8	3	1	4	14	11	7
Oxford Utd.....	7	3	1	3	14	12	7
Tottenham H.....	7	3	1	3	13	13	7
Brentford.....	7	1	4	2	12	12	6
BRISTOL ROVERS	7	1	4	2	10	11	6
Colchester Utd.....	8	2	2	4	12	19	6
Brighton.....	8	3	0	5	7	18	6
Reading.....	8	2	1	5	11	19	5
Crystal Palace.....	8	1	2	5	19	31	4

To find out about Rovers' stars of the future - read THE PIRATE

action replay

Photos by Club Photographer Alan Marshall



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Rovers' first three goals in the 5-2 win over Rotherham: ABOVE – STEVE WHITE firing home No. 1; LEFT – TREVOR MORGAN heading No. 2; BELOW – TREVOR MORGAN again, heading No. 3.



THE PIRATE has more photos of Rovers' goals than any other publication

where are they now?

Robin Perry brings you up-to-date with Rovers' stars of yesteryear



JIM EADIE – helped Rovers win promotion.

PAINTER JIM KEEPS NIMBLE

Jim Eadie always was a big man. Since his playing days ended, the affable Scot's giant frame has acquired a few more pounds. But agility is still the name of the game for the goalkeeper whose brilliance helped Rovers win promotion from the Third Division in 1974.

Not that he's flinging himself about goalmouths any more. Jim is now balancing on ladders and planks in his present job as a painter and decorator.

He decided to remain in Bristol after back trouble forced him to quit League football in September 1977 following 205 first team appearances for Rovers.

He came to Eastville on a free transfer from Cardiff City to replace Dick Sheppard, whose career ended prematurely as a result of a fractured skull injury suffered against Tranmere at Eastville in January 1973.

Jim made an impressive start with Rovers, playing five matches before conceding his first goal. Promotion came the following season when

he was an ever-present and he missed only one game in the 1974-75 campaign. He was absent again just once the next season and the same the following year.

It was a young Martin Thomas who took his place when Jim was left out at Charlton Athletic early in 1977. By the time Jim quit later that year, Martin, now in Newcastle United's First Division team, had established himself as one of the most promising 'keepers in the League.

Jim later made a brief comeback with Trowbridge Town but has no connections with football now other than taking an interest in Rovers' results.

Kenny Stephens

"I'm not really one for keeping in touch with the past", said Jim, who has just moved from Kingsdown to Hanham. "I bumped into Kenny Stephens the other day and it was good to have a chat."

And the 38-year-old, whose career began as a youngster on Celtic's books after he served an apprenticeship in the Glasgow dockyards added: "I was always a player rather than a watcher and don't have much appetite for football these days."

There's always a dip into Rovers' history in THE PIRATE



MIKE'S ENJOYING HIS LATE RECALL

To play one's first game at first-team level in the Football League is an obvious thrill. The player then, obviously, can't wait for his second appearance.

And so the time lapse between the first and second games for Bristol Rovers' Mike England must be something worth a place in the *Guinness Book of Records* – over six years. Let Mike start the story himself.

"As a boy I played for my local junior club Frampton Rangers, was spotted by Rovers, and turned out for their Parkway junior team, and eventually became first an apprentice and then a full professional.

"I made my first team debut at Wrexham on the last day of the 1978–79 season, where we won 1–0, fielding the youngest team that Bristol Rovers had ever selected.

"Among my colleagues that day were David Palmer, Gary Mabbutt, Paul Petts, Phil Bater and Martin Thomas, while David Williams was the man who scored the goal."

But there was disappointment to follow for Mike England.

Bath City

"I was eventually released without playing another game in the senior side, and went on to play for Bath City and Forest Green Rovers.

"I really thought that my hopes of a career in the Football League had gone for ever."

But at the beginning of this season Mike received a phone call from Harold Jarman, and his ambitions received an unexpected



MIKE ENGLAND – expected to help out Reserves.

but very welcome boost.

"I was asked basically if I would be prepared to help out in what had been a struggling Reserve side, while still retaining my full-time employment with British Telecom."

But far from 'helping out' in the Football Combination, Mike England has played a significant part in the battle, as the first team have gradually clawed their way from the foot of the Third Division table, with some markedly improved performances.

"I certainly never anticipated that I would have played five first team games by last Saturday, before the season started."

And so what of the future?"

"Well I'm 24 now, have a good job with Telecom, and no immediate plans to have another crack at the full-time game.

"Let's just say that I'm enjoying myself tremendously."

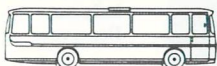


EARLY COACH BOOKINGS VITAL

Supporters Club chairman Nigel Andrews today stresses the importance of booking early for their coach trips to away games: "A number of members have recently tried to book seats the day before the match only to discover all tickets have already been sold.

"The coach company need to know how many vehicles are required as early as possible. It's difficult to obtain extra coaches at the last minute. And in the current economic climate we cannot afford to lose money if there is little likelihood of an additional coach receiving reasonable support", he adds.

TO BOURNEMOUTH



TRAVEL BY COACH

Depart Eastville Stadium 12 noon. Fare £4 – bookings at 468 Stapleton Road (tel. 510363).



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The Automobile Association recommend this route:

From Bristol follow the signs Bath A4. After 12.1 miles follow the signs Warminster A36. After 18.5 miles follow the signs Salisbury A36. After 17.9 miles at roundabout take 2nd exit A30. After 2.8 miles follow signs Ringwood A338. After 16.4 miles at roundabout take 3rd exit A31. After 1.6 miles at roundabout take 1st exit A338. After 6.7 miles at roundabout take 2nd exit and 1.2 miles farther on turn left into Thislebarrow Road (unclassified) for A.F.C. Bournemouth ground (on right).

To Wembley

There are six places left on the Young Pirates' trip to Wembley on Friday week, 1st November. The fare is only £6, which covers coach travel, a conducted tour of the famous stadium, a film show and visit to the souvenir shop. For details, ring Roger Good on 573687.

Insurance

One additional advantage of travelling to away games by Supporters Club transport is the insurance protection policy which enables fans to have a free trip to a re-arranged fixture if the original game was postponed less than six hours before kick-off and the coaches were already on their way.

"It's a useful benefit – as those of our members who made a fruitless trip to Bradford two years ago will testify", says chairman Nigel Andrews.

WELCOME...

Bristol Rovers Football Club extends a special welcome to our Family Enclosure this evening to the parties organised by:

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Mr Moore of Chepstow
Patrick Watson (Young Pirate)

We very much hope they all enjoy the game and come again in the not-too-distant future.

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